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CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERFAST

by David Wright

As followers of Jesus Christ we want to celebrate God's love every day. We seek to draw near to Him and in doing so, believe He draws near to us. Psalm 145:18 tells us "The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth."

We at TCM hope you are planning to join us for our first PrayerFast event on Saturday November 14, 2020 (10 a.m. – 12 Noon EST). You may register for this very special and inspiring prayer-filled free event that will bring together global voices dedicated to worshiping, serving, and glorifying the one true God.

You will hear from leaders of international disciple-making movements who are leading men and women to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. These movements are bringing positive changes to churches, countries, and cultures for our Lord's Kingdom's sake.

Through the years and especially during a worldwide pandemic we have been inspired by the global voices you will hear from during the PrayerFast. Included will be TCM graduates and faculty, along with TCM students and TCM ministry partners.

TCM President Tony Twist will skillfully lead us through guided prayer moments. You will hear from TCM graduate and faculty member Meego Remmel of Estonia who will prayerfully celebrate the importance of generational holiness alongside his father and son. Shodankeh Johnson of Sierra Leone will explore and share the foundational power that is advancing the disciple-making movement that began in his country and is expanding throughout central Africa.

Other participants will include Jordan Scheetz (see related introduction in this issue), Mihai Malancea, Jozsef Steiner, and more.

During PrayerFast you will be invited to move to small virtual groups we are calling "tables." Each virtual table will have a host who will lead the small group through selected scriptures and prayers.

For more information visit www.tcmi.org and click on the PrayerFast link.

An Additional Note:

PrayerFast is a compound word TCM has created that includes two very important elements in seeking our Heavenly Father. Although both disciplines in PrayerFast are simple, their significance is not.

Prayer:

A solemn worshipful request for help, guidance, or an expression of thanks addressed to God the Father through Jesus Christ His Son as guided by the Holy Spirit.

Fast:

Biblical fasting is voluntarily going without food for a period of time to draw nearer to God. It is refraining from food for a spiritual purpose. By eliminating life's distractions and taking our eyes off the things of this world through prayer and biblical fasting, we can focus better on Christ.

DR. FRED HANSEN NAMED THE ROBERT LOWERY CHAIR OF NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES

By Rick Justice

Earlier this year, Dr. Fred Hansen was appointed to TCM's first academic chair ever commemorated. His appointment was to be celebrated during graduation this year, but due to travel restrictions posed by the global pandemic, the announcement comes in this news article. Appropriate recognition will be given at TCM's graduation planned for 2021.

The concept of academic chairs originated with the medieval church and developed throughout Europe during the early centuries of university life. Today, the endowed chair constitutes a significant way to recognize the contributions of a senior scholar, honor current scholars, and provide funding which allows a faculty member to develop and enhance scholarship in a priority area of study.

The Robert Lowery Chair of New Testament Studies was established by the TCM Board of Directors to recognize Bob Lowery's contributions to preaching, teaching, leadership, and disciple making and to establish in perpetuity his legacy in instructing and mentoring TCM students. Bob served on the TCM Board of Directors from November 2008 until his death in April 2011.

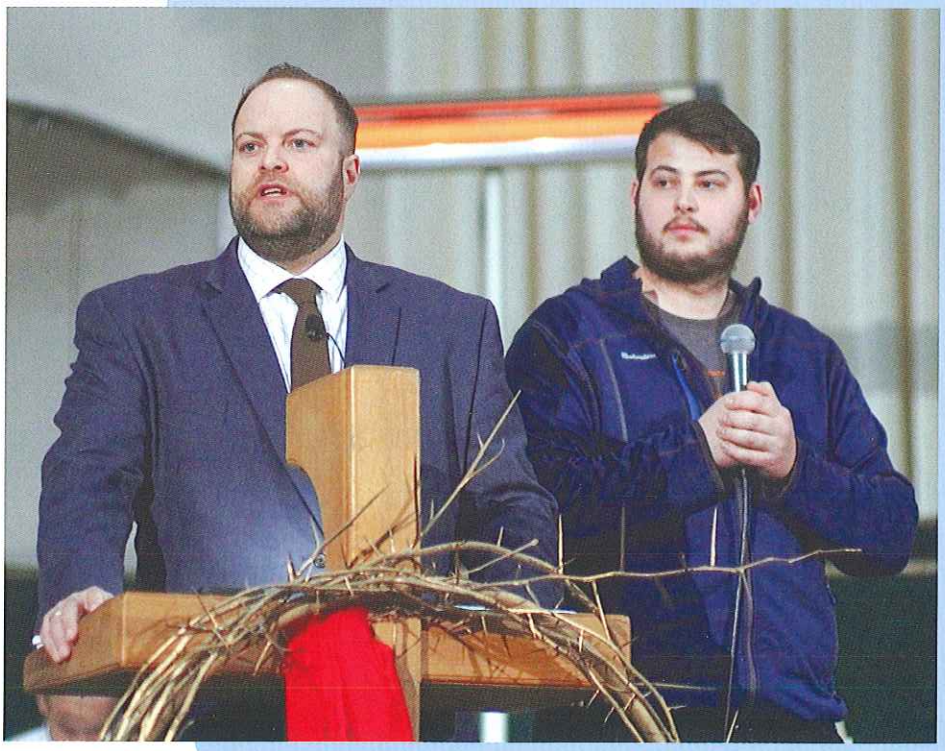
I will never forget the story that Bob told on himself – one that may have sparked his devotion to disciple making. As a young high school student who was not living up to his full academic potential (as determined by a couple of his teachers at the time), he was called aside and asked: "Bob, are you a Christian? Do you know that when you were baptized, your brain went under too?" It was then that Bob became serious about scholarly pursuits and became the senior scholar celebrated by this Chair.

Bob's devotion to make disciples who make disciples is illustrated in the life of Fred Hansen. Interestingly, Fred was one of Bob's disciples during his studies at Lincoln Christian Seminary where Bob served as Professor of New Testament and Academic Dean. Last year, Fred successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at the Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

Fred has been a member of the TCM faculty since February 2012 and is Associate Professor of Biblical Studies. He is a beloved teacher, mentor, and disciple maker among the TCM students around the world. It is appropriate that Fred is recognized in this manner.

In Bob's 2006 published work: Revelation's Rhapsody: Listening to the Lyrics of the Lamb, Bob indicated his desire to "... challenge you, motivate you, excite you to go deeper in the book [of Revelation]. Indeed, the deeper you go into the book, the deeper will be your understanding, and you will become a better disciple of Jesus in light of the future God has revealed for his people" (p. 13).

We look forward to discovering the ways the Robert Lowery Chair of New Testament Studies, appointed to Dr. Fred Hansen, will help TCM students around the world become better disciples of Jesus Christ.



TCMII CLASSES
FALL

HAUS EDELWEISS SESSIONS:
Face-to-face classes changed to online

Session 9 (Online)

History of Christian Theology 1	Oti Bunaciu
Intercultural Studies	Mihai Malancea
Research Methods	Nancy Olson
Transforming Leadership	Jim Buckley

ONLINE

Hebrew 2	Sara Fudge
History of Christian Theology 2	Sorin Badragan
Survey of Church History	Yulia Lubenets
Tools for Pastoral Counseling	Rick Walston
Systematic Theology	Jozsef Kovacs
Christian Ethics	Meego Remmel
Introduction to Old Testament Studies	Konstantin Nazarov

U.S. COHORTS
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History of Christian Theology 2	Sorin Badragan
Servant Leadership	Rick Justice
Hermeneutics	Fred Hansen

IN-COUNTRY

October

Homiletics	Leonid Mikhovich, Armenia
History of Christian Theology 2	Oti Bunaciu, Czech Republic
Introduction to New Testament Studies	Dumitru Sevastian, Ukraine

November

Mission in the Old Testament	Jozsef Steiner, Latvia
Servant Leadership	Myron Williams, Kazakhstan
Marriage and Family Life Education	Jim Buckley, Moldova
History of Christian Theology 2	Sorin Badragan, Georgia
Homiletics	Leonid Mikhovich, Belarus
Worldviews and Religion	Mihai Malancea, Bulgaria
Pastoral Ethics	Meego Remmel, Kyrgyzstan
Discipleship	Jozsef Steiner, Romania
Hermeneutics	Andrey Puzynin, Russia

December

Introduction to New Testament Studies	Joseph Howard, Turkey
Introduction to Old Testament Studies	Konstantin Nazarov, Kenya

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INTRODUCING DR. JORDAN SCHEETZ

by David Wright

The leadership of TCM has known of Jordan Scheetz for several years. His experience as a minister of the Gospel and Christian educator prepared him well for his role with TCM. It is evident that Jordan loves and serves his Lord, loves and leads his family, and is dedicated to advancing the work of Jesus wherever he is called.

It is with a great deal of excitement that we introduce you to our newest TCM staff member, Dr. Jordan Scheetz. Jordan began his role with TCM as the Director of Educational Advancement and Professor of Biblical Studies on July 1, 2020. Initially working from his home in Portland, Oregon, Jordan along with his wife Rachel and their sons Joel and Jakob moved to the Indianapolis area in early August.

Jordan earned his Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Vienna. He comes to TCM having served the last five years as the Staff Elder at Eastgate Bible Chapel in Portland. He is the former Chair of Biblical and Exegetical Studies with Tyndale Theological Seminary in the Netherlands. He has held significant roles in churches and other academic institutions in Europe and the United States. His experience includes serving as an adjunct faculty member with TCM.

Most importantly, Jordan is a dedicated and competent disciple maker who loves our Lord Jesus and His Gospel. He and Rachel have five children (Lela 22, Josh 19, Joel 18, Jakob 13, and Hannah, who passed away in 2017 at the age of 18).

Will you please keep Jordan and his family in your prayers as they settle into new surroundings and develop new circles of friends here in Indiana?

On November 14, 2020 please join Jordan in TCM's PrayerFast, as he shares a special message regarding the importance of prayer and fasting in the advancement of international disciple-making movements.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE

by David Roadcup

One of the great joys of my ministry with TCM is to greet students face to face at Haus Edelweiss each year or to meet them in their own countries. The class time, conversation over coffee, or sharing meals together all make for such great discipling opportunities. I treasure these times. I trust it is also time that helps build their spiritual lives and ministry capabilities.

In early spring of this year, all of us in the U.S. who teach overseas received calls, letting us know that due to COVID-19, we would teach our courses fully online. This was greatly disappointing but due to the circumstances, understandable and unavoidable.

Those of us who teach immediately started the task of re-working our classes to fit the all-online format. Different professors decided to handle this task in a variety of ways. I decided to finish each of my courses utilizing video conferencing so we could at least see each other screen to screen. I worked with an interpreter in delivering content in both of my classes. At the specified hour, we all logged on. The interpreter and I welcomed the students to class and proceeded to share lecture material, conduct discussions, and engage our students through this modified delivery system. I was very pleased when, at the end of the allotted class time, several students wrote to me and commented on how much they had enjoyed the work online and the "face-to-face" video meeting time, as well. Admittedly, the video conference time was not like the normal face-to-face experience. But the combination of online work plus the personal touch of being able to see the students, hear their voices, and connect with them at this level did provide a good substitute.

It was a new experience for all of us but still effective. We who teach are all thankful to be able to continue pouring into the lives of our students and assist them to grow to love Jesus more and become more effective as Kingdom workers.

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INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR

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Online Forum · Saturday, November 14th, 2020

10 AM · 12 PM (EST)

There is no cost to attend this event

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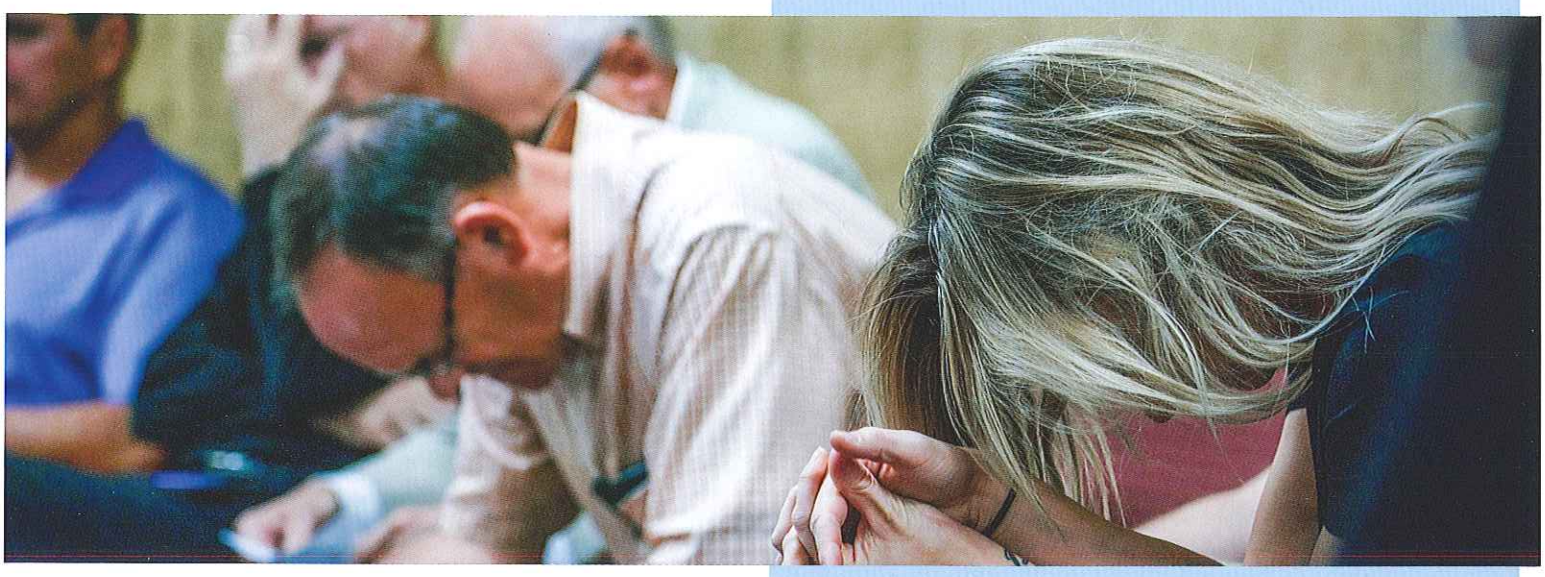

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by Megan Herring

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Perhaps you have not thought about the value of the non-cash assets you own and how you can be creative in how you give. Our creative and generous God can use your creative giving to answer prayers and help meet TCM's financial needs.

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Tony Twist, Prsident

"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:19-20

For 63 years, the Holy Spirit has led and moved TCM forward through the prayers and fasting of God's global church time and time again. But now, for the first time in TCM's history, we are all getting together for prayer AT ONE TIME. We call it PrayerFast 2020 and invite you to join with God's global family in a reunion for celebration, encouragement, prayer, and update!

Our shared vision is to see every nation have effective leaders of disciple-making movements impacting their churches, cultures, and countries for Christ. God continues to raise up leaders of disciple-making movements globally and TCM is grateful to be part of His work. So, since we can't gather at Haus Edelweiss right now, let's all gather virtually.

You have a chair waiting for you at the table. So, please reserve yours at the TCM PrayerFast on November 14, 2020 as we celebrate His love with brothers and sisters from around the world. I look forward to reuniting with you at our global celebration around His table!

Yours gratefully in Him,

Tony